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Applicants : Robert J. Winchester, et al.
Serial No. : 09/500,746 Examiner: R. Schwadron
Filed : February 9, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1644 ✓
For : USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF CXCR4
RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed May 5, 2003 finally rejecting pending claims 18 and 19 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the May 5, 2003 Final Office Action. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the May 5, 2003 Office Action is due November 5, 2003. Therefore, the subject application is pending on November 5, 2003 and this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$165.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$165.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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